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For:	VACUUM CLEANER		

REQUEST UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.81(b)

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This is responsive to the Office Communication of October 21, 2008 in the above-identified matter, which denied Applicants' request for a Certificate of Correction, which would have corrected the Assignee's name, for failure to obtain a grant of a request under 37 C.F.R. § 3.81(b) prior to requesting a Certificate of Correction.

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Applicants herewith submit the processing fee for this request of \$130, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(i). Please charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayments in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 02-0200.

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Applicants herein assert that that failure to include the correct assignee name on the PTOL-85B was inadvertent, and respectfully request this cause of denial be withdrawn.

Applicants also herein assert that the assignment was submitted for recordation as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 3.11 before issuance of the patent. Please see the enclosed copy of the Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document, reflecting the reel and frame number where the assignment(s) is recorded and/or reflecting proof of the date the assignment was submitted for recordation.

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Applicants herein request that the above-identified file be forwarded to the Certificates of Correction Branch upon granting of this request.

Applicants enclose herewith a copy of the Request for Certificate of Correction filed in the above-identified file on October 8, 2008, which included the requisite fee of \$100.00 under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(a).

Conclusion

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicants' attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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WHEREAS, I (we), **Hiroshi Nakamoto, Norihiro Tsuchiya, Tamaki Nishikori, Yasuhiro Madokoro, Yasuhiro Yuasa and Kazuhisa Morishita**

whose post office address(es) appear(s) below, hereinafter referred to as **ASSIGNOR**, is(are) the owner of certain new and useful improvements in **VACUUM CLEANER**

(hereinafter referred to as the **INVENTION**) for which an application for United States Letters Patent was

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WHEREAS, **Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.**

whose post office address is **1006, Oaza Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka, 571-8501, Japan** hereinafter referred to as **ASSIGNEE**, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the same in the united States;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I (we), **ASSIGNOR**, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said **ASSIGNEE**, the entire right, title, and interest in and to said **INVENTION** and application throughout the United States of America, including any and all Letters Patent granted on any division, continuation, continuation-in-part and reissue of said application.

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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

SIR:

The following is a request for a Certificate of Correction in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/721,878, now U.S. Patent No. 7,346,957.

A Certificate of Correction under 35 U.S.C. § 255 is respectfully requested in the above-identified patent.

The typographical error is the fault of Applicant; and, accordingly, a check for the amount of \$100.00 is submitted to cover it (35 U.S.C. § 225 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.323). The error is minor and its correction would not constitute new matter or require re-examination. The requested correction is attached on Form PTO/SB44.

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It is certified that an error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

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